

Professional Standard: Registered Level 3 Operations Officer

Authority

This standard was endorsed by the EMPS Panel in October 2019.

Context

The AFAC Emergency Management Professionalisation Scheme (the Scheme) is a program to recognise the skills, abilities and experience of emergency management practitioners.

Established by AFAC, the national council and peak body for fire, land management and emergency service agencies in Australia and New Zealand, the Scheme is an initiative designed to promote emergency management as a profession.

The Scheme is open to career and volunteer personnel of AFAC member agencies, as well as individuals from other approved organisations.

Scope of application

This standard applies to applicants seeking registration in the role of Level 3 Operations Officer.

Hazard specific expertise is evaluated as part of the education component of eligibility and is a matter for the assessing agency to determine. Registration is limited to the role and is not separated into hazard classes.

Applicants may be career staff or volunteers of AFAC member agencies or personnel from approved government, commercial or other entities.

Credential

The Registered Level 3 Operations Officer credential is awarded to an individual who has successfully fulfilled all eligibility requirements. Individuals will be recognised as proficient in managing the Operations function for level 3 incidents as defined in AIIMS, with experience in managing emergency events of moderate to high impact and complexity.

Registration as a Level 3 Operations Officer is appropriate for those personnel who have completed the training and mentoring requirements of their agency for endorsement as a qualified Level 3 Operations Officer but who may not yet have attained sufficient Level 3 experience to support an application for Certification.

Education requirements for Registered Level 3 Operations Officer

Applicants must be able to provide documented evidence of successful completion of one or more of the education components and all associated prerequisites as specified in Table 1.

Table 1:

Course or Program
PUAOPE024 Manage operations for a level 3 incident
An AFAC member agency course for intermediate level incident controllers which is formally assessed against criteria equivalent to PUAOPE024 Manage operations for a level 3 incident
A qualification which was awarded after formal assessment and which in the view of the Panel provides evidence of the Applicant’s competence to control a level 2 incident equivalent to PUAOPE024 Manage operations for a level 3 incident

Eligibility – Registered Level 3 Operations Officer

Applicants must be able to provide documented evidence to demonstrate that he or she:

- has committed to the EMPS Code of Ethics 2017
- has successfully fulfilled the role of Operations Officer at moderate to high impact emergency events for at least two years and in a minimum of three instances, with at least one instance being in the 12 months before applying. *NOTE:* this requirement may be met by having fulfilled the role at more complex level 2 incidents while following a development pathway for level 3 accreditation
- is supported by their home agency or jurisdiction. *NOTE:* nomination for this credential requires the nominating agency to confirm that in its view the nominee is competent to fill the role of Operations Officer at a Level 3 incident without mentoring or special supervision.

Definitions

<i>A moderate impact event</i>	Is a complex Level 2 incident or Level 3 incident or equivalent as described in the AIIMS Manual and as determined by the Panel.
<i>Instance</i>	Is an operational incident, an exercise involving a realistic simulation of an operational incident, or an incident management team activated in anticipation of an operational incident.

Review

This standard will commence August 2018. The Panel will review this standard after five years or as required.

Related professional standards

- Code of Ethics (2017)
- Professional Standard: Continuing Professional Development (2018).